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In re Continuation of:

Application of:

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**Assistant Commissioner For Patents** 

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DOCUMENT PROCESSING Attorney Docket No. 47171-00272

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL

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Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423, filed May 28, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Washington, DC 20231

On page 1, delete the cross-reference section at lines 4-16 and substitute the following in place thereof:

-- This application claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed January 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed February 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing," all now abandoned.

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423, filed May 28, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."